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**NEWS
RELEASE**

03/17/2022

Woman Assaulted and Held at Gunpoint

Date: 03/14/2022

Time: 11:46 A.M.

Location: 14800 Block of Ava Leigh

Offender: Matthew Joseph Contreras, 25-year-old male, East El Paso TX Resident

Victim: Jasmine Santillan, 23-year-old, East El Paso TX Resident

EL PASO, Texas – On 03/14/2022 Pebble Hills Patrol Offices were informed Deputies from Otero County reported a possible kidnapping that occurred in El Paso and were meeting with the 23-year-old female victim at the Otero County Jail. Further investigation revealed the victim had been physically assaulted by Contreras in El Paso and later forced the victim at gunpoint to go with him for a job interview at the Otero County Jail. The victim was able to get the attention of a Detention Officer in the parking lot for assistance. Crimes Against Persons obtained a warrant for Contreras and he was later arrested for Aggravated Assault with a Deadly Weapon with a bond of \$100,000.00 issued by Judge Priddy.



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